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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on March 29, 2000 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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35. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide which [corresponds to]is at least 70% identical to [of the] SEQ ID NO:1 or its complementary strand wherein said polynucleotide encodes a ligand of the opioid receptor-type 1 (ORL₁) receptor.

36. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide according to Claim 35, which [corresponds to]is at least 90% [of the]identical to the SEQ ID NO:1 or its complementary strand.

37. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising at least [the] SEQ ID NO:1, or its complementary strand[, or a portion thereof having more than 15 contiguous nucleotides able to identify or reconstitute SEQ ID NO:1 or its complementary strand].